

Widening of US 62 will Improve Connection between Georgetown & I-64

In December, Governor Ernie Fletcher, Transportation Officials and state and local representatives met at Western Elementary School to announce a project to widen and improve U.S. 62 from I-64 to the U.S. 460 Bypass in Scott County.

Governor Fletcher said that this project would eliminate a high traffic accident area. Secretary Bill Nighbert added, "This improved section of 62 will provide the citizens of Scott County and the commonwealth with an improved quality of life and increased economic development opportunities. In addition, it will provide for safer and improved access for motorists traveling between I-64 and Georgetown."

The project will consist of widening U.S. 62 from two lanes to four lanes with paved shoulders. In addition, the "S" curves near I-64 will be corrected thereby eliminating one of the more accident prone areas in the district. With the completion of this project, the 8,600 vehicles per day traveling this route can expect decreased congestion entering and leaving Georgetown as

well as a marked improvement in sight distance and safety along the route.

"Through my position on the Senate Transportation Committee and in conjunction with local officials, we were able to push this critical project through the six-year highway plan," said State Senator Damon Thayer (R-Georgetown). The community has long awaited this highway improvement project, and I am honored to have played a role in bringing it to fruition."

Georgetown Mayor Everette Varney told those in attendance at today's event, "Georgetown is a strong and vibrant community that must have a highway system that can accommodate the growth the city has already experienced. This project is a true community project that will make it easier to move goods and services, and safer for citizens. The city of Georgetown greatly appreciates the support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and our elected officials in making this project a reality."

"The citizens of Georgetown and Scott County thank you for supporting this project. These improvements will provide for a much safer and more attractive gateway to the City of Georgetown and will provide for an improved quality of life for all of Scott County," added Scott County Judge-Executive George Lusby.

Also at the ceremony, State Representative Charlie Hoffman (D-Georgetown) said, "I am extremely proud to represent the people of this community and to have been able to assist in securing the necessary funding to make this project a reality."

The project has been awarded to Central Rock Mineral Company of Lexington at a cost of \$10.8 million dollars. Construction is scheduled to begin this winter with utility relocations.



From L - R: Dep. Secretary Jim Adams, Secretary Bill Nighbert, Representative Charlie Hoffman, Mayor Everette Varney, Governor Ernie Fletcher, Senator Damon Thayer, Western Elementary School Principal Deborah Haddad, Scott County Judge/Executive George Lusby